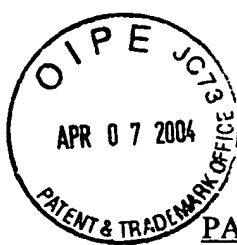


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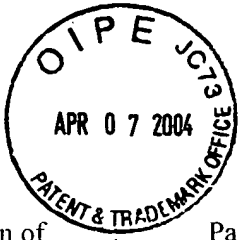
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Sir:

In reply to the final Office action, dated January 21, 2004, please enter the following amendment to claim 17 which is believed to resolve the issue raised in the Office action.

Upon entry of the amendment, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in the above-captioned application.

☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Extension of Time.

☒ No Additional Fee.

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